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: Group Art Unit: **1645**

TITLE: **HAR A POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACIDS, AND RELATED METHODS AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2003, Applicants answer as follows.

Remarks

Applicants hereby elect Group III (claims 2-3, drawn to SEQ ID NO:2) with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that it would not be an undue burden on the Examiner to search all of the claims of this application at once. All of the claims are drawn to harA genes or proteins, and methods of using them. While there are two organisms represented, it is not an undue burden to search both forms of the genes and proteins simultaneously.

Even more pertinent, to the extent the division of the claims into those directed to each organism may be appropriate, there should then be only two groups. That is, at most the restriction requirement should have been to two groups, a first group to all claims but